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RE: Remarks to draft

Dan,

Please forward these concerns to the commission for their consideration

1. Chapter 2 Part 5 Article X, section 12. Boundaries.

There is reference to statewide considerations. I ask that the commission expound on the following.

- A. What are they specifically?
- B. How were they formulated (supporting info)?
- C. How are they applied?

2. Pg. 24 lines 21-37 should be removed.

3. Pg. 39 lines 18 -39 including supporting footnotes 33,34,35 should be removed.

- Any reference to the Skagway petition in this document needs to be removed because that petition is still in the appeals process. Therefore, information on this petition should not be included in this document until the matter has been resolved. Accepting it as part of this document will circumvent the public process!

4. Pg. 40 -41 need to be deleted.

- The supporting data that is offered by staff does not paint an accurate picture of economic reality in the communities that have experienced declining economies. For instance how much of the growth is the result of federal money that has been funneled into the state by our representatives in Washington
- In addition, the staff's analysis of the resolution that was passed at AML and Southeast conference does not accurately reflect the intent of the resolution. The Quote as referenced "Dramatically declined" line 13 pg.41 should have also included "and changed" Skagway for instance has experienced incredible economic growth. The intent of the resolution is to ask the Legislature to look at the state as it exists today and analyze if there is a need for change in the model Borough boundaries or the incorporation standards.

5. Pg. 42 lines 1 through 11 need to be deleted.

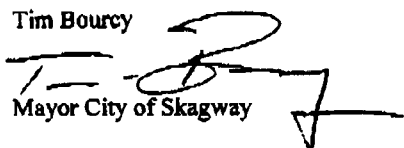
- The comments concerning the relationship of REAA boundaries to those of model boroughs. The quote that begins "The fact that there is no clamor to change REAAs Suggest to the commission" is a assumption on the part of the commission without any input or fact from affected areas to back it up. Therefore it should be removed.

6. Pg. 45 lines 51 remove.

- Skagway is totally opposed to the concept of the Lynn Canal Model Borough and has expressed opposition to this concept for over 30 years. Skagway is not opposed to the formation of borough government. However, this model borough is unacceptable to the communities of Skagway and Dyea and needs to be revisited. If the commission would like to explore other options Skagway would welcome that opportunity. If the commission wants to keep this model borough intact as is, the record needs to reflect our opposition to the formation of this borough.
7. We have yet to receive chapter 1 and have not had the chance to review it, so we ask that the commission not accept this document until the public has had a chance to review and comment on it.
8. There is numerous references in the draft to the "commission views" we would like the commission to examine each of these references prior to acceptance of this document to insure that these are actually the views of the commission and not that of individuals or staff!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft document.

Tim Bourcy


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